

The BAY LEAF

January 2001



California Native Plant Society • East Bay Chapter • Alameda & Contra Costa Counties

Calendar of Events

January 3, W EDN ESDAY:

- **Board of Directors' meeting** at the home of Joe Willingham, 2512 Etna St., Berkeley. 7:30 p.m. All members welcome.

January 5, 12, 19, and 26, FRIDAYS:

- **Native Here Nursery open**, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

January 6, SATURDAY:

- **Native plant restoration at Canyon School** (see p. 2).

January 6, 13, 20, and 27, SATURDAYS:

- **Native Here Nursery open**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

January 7, SUN DAY:

- **Deadline for February Bay Leaf**. Give items to Brett Boltz.

January 9, 16, 23, and 30, TUESDAYS:

- **Propagation sessions** for the 2001 plant sale (see below).

January 14, SUN DAY:

- **Field trip to Huckleberry Regional Park** (see p. 4).

January 24, W EDN ESDAY:

- **Membership meeting** (see right).

February 24, SATURDAY:

- **Field trip to Redwood Regional Park** (see p. 4).

Plant Sale Activities



Work sessions this month:

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 (not Jan. 2)
9 a.m.-noon, rain or shine.

Merritt College Landscape Horticulture grounds

January is the last month we will be selling plants weekly (on Tuesdays). Drop by to see what is still available in addition to the overstocked plants mentioned in last month's *Bay Leaf*.

Work sessions for volunteers at this time of year are

Membership Meeting

Bryophyte Regions of California

Speaker: Daniel Norris

**Research Botanist, University Herbarium,
University of California, Berkeley**

Dr. Daniel Norris, our new Chapter Bryophyte Coordinator, will take this opportunity to share with us his thoughts on possible bryophyte regions of California. The diversity of elevations, climates, and geography in California have long been utilized in a mapping of the state by vascular plant taxonomists; are such biogeographic regions of California useful also to bryologists? Do the very different life requirements of bryophytes require us to map the state in a different manner? What morphological features of individual bryophytes especially enable them to occupy each of the major climatologic regions of the state?

The meeting will take place in the Conference Center of the University of California Botanical Garden on Centennial Drive, east of Memorial Stadium, above the main campus of the University of California in Berkeley. The Garden gate will open at 7 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. CNPS books and other publications will be on display and available for purchase. Please contact Holly Forbes, 234-2913, if you have any questions.

generally focussed on preparing cuttings to go into the greenhouse. Newcomers are welcome. For further information, call (925) 376-4095 or (510) 525-6614.

P.S. Last year at about this time a generous CNPS member appeared with an armful of beautiful *Dendromecon harfordii* cuttings from her garden in the Oakland hills. Thanks to her, we were able to offer this very desirable plant in our October sale. Our dilemma is: we didn't get her name. We are hoping she will call or visit again . . .

. . . Shirley

Native Plant Restoration Activities

Native Here Nursery

Making your New Years resolutions? Been meaning to include CNPS involvement as one of the things you'd like to do? Consider volunteering at Native Here Nursery, 101 Golf Course Drive, Tilden Park. Some of the ways you could help are: volunteer on Fridays—help sow seed, pot up seedlings, groom plants, weed, tidy the nursery, sell plants; volunteer on Saturdays—help sow seed, pot up seedlings, groom plants, water, sell plants; volunteer to take trash to the dump about once a month; volunteer to take paper and cardboard to recycle about once a month; substitute for the Wednesday waterer when she is on vacation; plan to collect seed on Tuesday mornings during the months of May through October, or collect seed on your own for Native Here.

To volunteer at the nursery, just show up when it is open, no need to call ahead. To volunteer at other times, leave a message at the nursery, 549-0211. Messages are picked up on Fridays and Saturdays.

. . . *Charli Danielsen*

Native Plant Restoration Team

Return to Canyon School on January 6

Please join the Team for an afternoon of creekside work under the redwoods in bucolic Canyon. This is our annual winter work party at the beautiful Canyon School. There's French broom, ivy and Himalayan blackberry to pull—and lots of lovely natives, including hazelnut, clematis, huge redwoods and ferns galore. Please note that we have switched back to our winter (afternoon) schedule so folks can attend the EBRPD Botanic Garden lectures: meet at 1 p.m. at Native Here Nursery on Saturday, Jan. 6, or at Canyon School on Pinehurst Road at about 1:45 p.m. Wear pants and a long sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes, bring a water bottle and rain coat just in case. We have gloves and tools to lend. Heavy rain cancels; call 840-9367 if it's coming down.

On Feb. 3 we will return to upper Claremont Canyon/Gwin Canyon for Mayten Mayhem, starting at 1 p.m. at Native Here or 1:45 p.m. on site. In March we will work in Arrowhead Marsh with Save the Bay; April finds us back at Gwin Canyon; May will see us with Friends of Orinda Creeks. For a monthly Team email update, please send a note to casartunda@aol.com.

. . . *Noah Booker*

East Bay Chapter Alerts

NEW! East Bay Chapter Alerts/ Announcements/ News EMail List

The East Bay Chapter of CNPS is pleased to offer a new service to our members.

Purpose of CNPS-EB-Alerts

Occasional alerts will be e-mailed to you that will include notices of *local* meetings and events of interest to native plant enthusiasts, conservationists and activists, as well as information about local Bay Area native plant conservation issues needing your input, support and/or action.

This list will send you *East Bay Chapter issues only*.

To learn more about the list, and how to subscribe, send e-mail to: listserv@usobi.org with this one-line command in the body of your message:

INFO CNPS-EB-ALERTS

What CNPS-EB-Alerts is *not*

CNPS-EB-Alerts is not a discussion list, so you will not be able to post messages to this list, nor will you receive any unauthorized postings via this list. At some later date, the East Bay Chapter will consider establishing a discussion e-mailing list on East Bay native plant issues. If you are interested in having such a discussion list established, please let us know.

How to Submit Alerts/ Announcements for Possible Posting

Send prospective news articles (*local* alerts, announcements, issues needing action) to the CNPS-EB-Alerts editor at:

cnpseb-alerts@usobi.org

Articles selected for posting may be edited for clarity, brevity, and/or to reduce redundancy, as well as to remove information not relevant to this list's focus. Please do not submit items intended to elicit discussion on the list (this is not a discussion list).

Decisions to post submitted articles are wholly under the list editorial board's discretion.

Questions? Send email to... cnpseb-alerts-REQUEST@usobi.org, where you will reach a real person.

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New Membership Application

The California Native Plant Society is open to all. The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to preserve them in their natural habitat through scientific activities, education, and conservation. Membership includes a subscription to the quarterly journal *Fremontia*.

Name _____

Membership category:

- Student, Retired, Limited income, \$20
- Individual, Library, \$35
- Household, Family, or Group, \$45
- Supporting, \$75
- Plant lover, \$100
- Patron, \$250
- Benefactor, \$500
- Life, \$1000

Address _____

Zip _____ Telephone _____

I wish to affiliate with:

East Bay Chapter (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties)

Other _____

Mail application and check to:

Membership Chairman, California Native Plant Society, 1722 JSt., Suite 17, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Field Trips



Sunday, January 14: Charli Danielsen will lead a field trip to **Huckleberry Regional Park**, starting at 10 a.m. and lasting about 3 hours.

Some of the earliest flowering shrubs in the East Bay will be blooming, such as huckleberries, silk tassel, currants, and 2 or 3 species of manzanita. The 3-mile loop trail will have a long ascent and descent, with switchbacks. Parking is limited, so participants are encouraged to share rides. There are chemical toilets, but no running water taps at the parking lot. Directions: From Berkeley, drivers can follow Grizzly Peak Blvd. until it becomes Skyline Blvd. in Oakland. Follow Skyline as it winds south until the turnoff to the Huckleberry parking lot appears on the left, shortly after the turnoff to Sibley. From Oakland south of Montclair, take Skyline Blvd. north and parking lot to Huckleberry Park will appear around the end of a right curve, after the intersection of Snake and Skyline Blvd. From Hwy. 13, take the Moraga/Thornhill exit, and follow Thornhill Blvd. up the hill. Thornhill has numerous switchbacks, so stay on the road with the double yellow line. Thornhill will merge with Snake at a stop sign. Drivers should turn left onto Snake and the stop sign at Snake and Skyline will appear almost immediately. Turn left and follow signs to the parking lot.



Saturday, February 24: Roy Buck will lead a field trip to **Redwood Regional Park** featuring leatherwood in flower (*Dirca occidentalis*). The trip will start at 10 a.m. and last until about 3 p.m. The route will include some steep hill climbs on a 4-5 mile loop, including a vertical gain of 600-700 feet. Participants will cross through redwood forest, mixed evergreen forest, coastal scrub and a small chaparral area. Bring lunch and water. Check the February *Bay Leaf* for parking and directions, because access has changed since the construction of the Chabot Science Center.

The Wayne Roderick Lectures

Winter 2000-2001

The annual Wayne Roderick Lecture Series is being held at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden, Wildcat Canyon Road and South Park Drive in Tilden Park, Berkeley (841-8732). The lectures are held on Saturday mornings as indicated, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, and are free to the public. The Lecture Series runs through February 2000.

January 6

The botany of Pt. Reyes National Seashore

Speaker

Steve Edwards

January 13

History of the East Bay Regional Park District

Jerry Kent

January 20

The Ruby Mountains of northeastern Nevada

Stewart Winchester

January 27

A Year on the Oat Hill Mine Trail of Napa County

Dick O'Donnell

February 3

Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve (plus plants), and an Introduction to the Bedrock Geology of the East Bay

At the December Board Meeting

The Board decided to send the President's Message in the December 2000 *Bay Leaf* to the East Bay Regional Park's District Grazing Review Task Force, stating that it is the Chapter's position on grazing.

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